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SUBJECT: BOTHA'S REMARKS ON POSSIBLE SANCTIONS

1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT APPEARED IN THE RAND DAILY MAIL OF

JULY 11: QUOTE. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD FACE
THE PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION SIMILAR TO THAT
IN RHODESIA AND SOUTH WEST AFRICA, IN THE FUTURE, MR. PI
BOTHAS, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PREDICTED LAST NIGHT.
ADDRESSING OVER 500 STUDENTS DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY
OF THE ANNUAL AFRIKAANSE STUDENTEBOD CONGRESS IN BLOEMFONTEIN
LAST NIGHT, BOTHA SKETCHED A POSSIBLE FUTURE SCENARIO IN
SWA AND UNDERLINED THE IMPLICATIONS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.
EVERYTHING DEPENDED ON WHETHER THE WESTERN POWERS WERE
ABLE TO SELL THEIR PROPOSALS FOR A SWA SETTLEMENT TO SWAPO
AT THE CURRENT TALKS IN LUANDA, MR. BOTHA SAID.
SOUTH AFRICA ACCEPTED THE PROPOSALS ON APRIL 25 THIS YEAR.
MR. BOTHA SAID SWAPO WOULD BE WELCOME TO RETURN AND PARTICIPATE
IN PEACEFUL ELECTIONS - BUT HE ALSO INDICATED WHAT
SOUTH AFRICA'S RESPONSE WOULD BE IF SWAPO DID NOT ACCEPT
THE PROPOSALS. "IF SWAPO HESITATES MUCH LONGER, OR SETS
ANY MORE CONDITIONS TO THE ORIGINAL PROPOSALS, SA WILL
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TAKE IT THAT SWAPO HAS REJECTED THE PROPOSALS," HE SAID.
SKETCHING THE POSSIBLE EVENTS THAT WOULD FOLLOW A SWAPO
REJECTION, MR. BOTHA SAID THERE WAS STRONG LIKELIHOOD
THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD BE UNABLE
TO ACCEPT THEM, AND THAT AN INDEPENDENT SWA WOULD FORFEIT
INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION. THIS COULD LEAD TO SECURITY
COUNCIL ACTION AGAINST SA, WHICH WOULD BE REGARDED AS A

COLONIAL POWER IN SWA, HE SAID. END QUOTE.

2. BOTHA SPOKE OFF THE CUFF AND A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT
OF THE MINISTER'S REMARKS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. EDMONDSON

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